

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Application

In the present Supplement Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 50 and 51 to correct the site of acylation from amino acid position number 3 to amino acid position number 26. This position corresponds to the acylation site of processed, wild-type ghrelin (that is, amino acid position 3; see *also* Kojima *et al.*, Nature 402:656-60 (1999)).

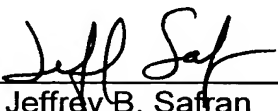
Claims 52-57 were added. These claims are directed to specific fragments of SEQ ID NO:32 (see page 22, lines 19-27, for support). The claims are also directed to specific fragments containing an acylation, and more specifically an octanoylation, at amino acid position number 26 of SEQ ID NO:32 (see page 24, lines 1-9, for support).

Thus, claims 31-34 and 49-57 are pending. No new matter was added.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. In order to expedite disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number below to resolve any remaining issues. Should there be a fee due which is not accounted for, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 501447 (Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP).

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